

REMARKS

Claims 1-26 are pending in the present application.

This application has been made subject to a restriction and election of species requirement. The restriction requirement is hereby traversed and reconsideration is requested. Applicants provisionally elect the claims of Group I—Lacrosse sticks with fingers as shown in FIGS. 1 – 5. In addition to the identification of species elected herein, Applicants hereby list all claims readable thereon: 1 – 3, 10, 11, 18 and 23 – 26.

Applicants respectfully assert that claims 1, 3, 10-11, 18 and 24-26 are generic with regard to Groups I-IV, FIGS. 1-5, 6-9, 10-11 and 12-13. Presently, claims 1, 3, 10-11, 18 and 24-26 are readable on the species of Groups I-IV.

Further, the claims of Groups I-IV relate directly to the feature of ball guide fingers spaced along the interior face of the frame. All of the claims 1 - 26 now pending in the application share this same common technical feature.

Accordingly, Applicants request that the present restriction requirement be reconsidered and withdrawn, and that claims 1 – 26 be examined and considered for allowance.

An early action on the merits is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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